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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Enclosed herewith are:

- (1) Exhibit A (Hill et al., 2001, J. Biol. Chem. 276:25643-25646); and
- (2) Exhibit B (Bijur et al., 2000, J. Biol. Chem. 275:7583-7590).